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Wilson Asks Congress for Drastic Laws to Cut Prices; Wants Government Food Control Made Permanent; B. R. T. Strikers Accept Nixon's Offer to Mediate

Garrison Is Own Men, but

Committee Will Submit Workers' Demands to Service Commissioner at Conference To-day

Some Cars Running; Surface Lines Down

Recognition of Union to Be Insisted Upon as a Basis of Settlement, Says Labor Organizer

cepted conditionally last night an offer by Public Service Commissioner Nixon to act as mediator between the strikers and Lindley M. Garrison, receiver for the transit company. A committee of union members will present their grievances to Mr. Nixon at 10 a. m. to-day at 49 Lafayette Street.

Notwithstanding these hopeful signs Brooklyn transit lines were only a little better off last night than they had been the preceding evening, though the comway and elevated trains were running Theatre, "Gaietics of 1919."

eal with men who admit that their William A. Brady. first interest is recognition of some

leaders, announced last night at the that Jolson had refused to appear. Brooklyn Labor Lyceum that the strikers were ready to compromise some of their demands, though not At the stage door of every theatre, that for recognition of the union.

To Insist On Recognition

recognition of the union," he said, marked success. after the strikers' acceptance of Com- In front of the New Amsterdam

B. R. T. Strike Causes Heavy Losses at Coney

Ready to See CONEY ISLAND is losing hundreds of thousands of dollars because of the B. R. T. strike. Last night the night before would have drawn big crowds under ordinary circumstances, but the place nearly was No Outsiders deserted. Bathing almost has stopped, and the amusements are not being

All of the lines in partial operation are making their terminals so far from Coney that people will not walk the extra distance. Concessionaires who had looked forward to a big season and later worried about the re-sults of prohibition and the wet weather, now are prophesying goomily that the Mardi Gras, scheduled for the middle of September, will have to

Actors Keep **Theatres** Dark; 3 Open

Leaders of the B. R. T. strike ac- Geo. M. Cohan and Others ers on Road to Fill Gaps and the canvas packs on the

The three that revived their produc- dauntlessness that held them to their pany announced its intention of intions were the Cohan & Harris, "The creasing the service to-day, particularly Royal Vagabond;" Selwyn, "The Chalon the subway and elevated lines. Sub- lenge," and the Forty-fourth Street

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At the Cohan & Harris, George M this company Cohan appeared in the rôle of Marcel,

outside organization. If the commit-Mr. Cohan delivered an address dur-

Union Would Compromise

The committee of strikers which will call on Mr. Nixon this morning is the same body which presented the demands to officers of the B. R. T. during Mr. Garrison's absence from the city. All its members are union men:

All are employes of the B. R. T. Its chairman is Edwin Smith.

The original demands made by this committee included recognition of the show, burlesquing the Actors' Equity anion, an advance in wages to 75

At the Forty-fourth Street Theatre, before the performance it was analysis of the performance it was analysis of the source.

Cohan Burlesques Union

Nine of the ten peincipals in the musical comedy have walked out. The places of seven have been taken by men and women from the chorus. Sam Forrest, producing manager for Cohan doughboys divided honors in Fifth Avenue just as they did not show it in their shouts and applause. Devil dogs and doughboys divided honors in Fifth Avenue just as they did not show it in their shouts and applause. Devil dogs and doughboys divided honors in Fifth Avenue just as they did not show it in their shouts and applause. Devil dogs and doughboys divided honors in Fifth Avenue just as they did not show it in their shouts and applause. Devil dogs and doughboys divided honors in Fifth Avenue just as they did not show it in their shouts and applause. Devil dogs and doughboys divided honors in Fifth Avenue just as they did not show it in their shouts and applause. Devil dogs and doughboys divided honors in Fifth Avenue just as they did not show it in their shouts and applause. Devil dogs and doughboys divided honors in Fifth Avenue just as they did not show it in their shouts and applause. Devil dogs and doughboys divided honors in Fifth Avenue just as they did not show it in their shouts and applause. Devil dogs and doughboys divided honors in Fifth Avenue just as they did not show it in the figure just as they did not show it in their shouts and applause. Devil dogs and doughboys divided honors in Fifth Avenue just as they did not show it in the f

committee of the Amalgamated Asso- place left vacant by the walk-out of ciation of Street and Electric Railway Ed Wynn, and that Sophic Tucker Employes of America, who is one of would fill one of the feminine rôles in, the most prominent of the strike the production. Later it was learned

pickets were posted, urging those who had remained faithful to the Producing Managers' Association to give up "We will insist upon immediate their allegiance. They met with no

missioner Nixon's offer became known, "and if that is agreed to the men will return to work, pending the granting of the wage and hour demands of the employes."

He also said in a speech to strikers that the first step toward mediation and conferences "looked like the beginning of the end," adding:

"Perhaps we won't get all we are looking for but when you consider that a few weeks ago you couldn't even zet into the company's affice, and you hear now that they are willing to meet you, that in itself is a great victored.

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2d Division **Gets Ovation** From Crowds

Flowers Trampled Under Foot as 27,000 Regulars and Marines, Faces Lined by Toil, March

Megaphone Finds Hero for Mother

Famous Organization Ends Career After Official Review in 5th Ave.

the 27,000 men who marched up Fifth straightened their share of the line at Take Roles of Strikers: St. Mihic, when they fought in Champagne and finally when they shot and Managers Call in Play- stabbed their way through the Argonne. were closed Thursday evening by the angled slant of their mirror-like bayostrike of members of the Actors' Equity nets and in the scuffle of their iron Association remained dark last night, studded feet was revealed the grim uty until the enemy cried "Kamerad."

Fifth Avenue Thronged

the really represents my men I with discuss any grievances they may have the present. That has been my position all along."

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a host of notables that included Frank-lin D. Roosevelt, Acting Secretary of the Navy; Admirals Benson, Glennon and Gleaves; the commander of the Marine Corps, Major General George Barnett, and Major Generals Barry, Shanks (who arranged yesterday's parade), Alexander (who commanded New York's 77th in the Argonne fight-ine) and Nicholson.

Federal machinery for the seizure of hoarded food stocks will be put in me-tical machinery for the seizure of hoarded food stocks will be put in me-tical machinery for the seizure of hoarded food stocks will be put in me-tical machinery for the seizure of hoarded food stocks will be put in me-tical machinery for the seizure of hoarded food stocks will be put in me-tical machinery for the seizure of hoarded food stocks will be put in me-tical machinery for the seizure of hoarded food stocks will be put in me-tical machinery for the seizure of hoarded food stocks will be put in me-tical machinery for the seizure of hoarded food stocks will be put in me-tical machinery for the seizure of hoarded food stocks will be put in me-tical machinery for the seizure of hoarded food stocks will be put in me-tical machinery for the seizure of hoarded food stocks will be put in me-tical machinery for the seizure of hoarded food stocks will be put in me-tical machinery for the seizure of hoarded food stocks will be put in me-tical machinery for the seizure of hoarded food stocks will be put in me-tical machinery for the seizure of hoarded food stocks will be put in me-tical machinery for the seizure of hoarded food stocks will be put in me-tical machinery for the seizure of hoarded food stocks will be put in me-tical machinery for the seizure of hoarded food stocks will be put in me-tical machinery for the seizure of hoarded food stocks will be put in me-tical machinery for the seizure of hoarded food stocks will be put in me-tical machinery for the seizure of hoarded food stocks will be put in me-tical machinery for the seizure of the machinery for the seizure of hoard

Flowers for Veterans

Just then a young woman dressed in the white uniform of a Knights of Columbus canteen worker dashed toward the division commander with an armful of American Beauty roses. This was too much for the general's mount, who crouched and then bolted. The girl was persistent and chased after him as fast as her French heels would permit. Again she extended the roses, and again the general's horse dashed out of reach. If the mount had been a veteran charger accustomed to the roar of cannon but strange to the flutter of skirts it might not seem so odd, but this horse was General, pride of the New York Police Department.

The roses finally were shoved into the hands of a staff officer, who tucked them under his arm, heads down.

Few Doughboys Take Bouquets

States Attorney Mathews calling for the production of full data on stocks now on hand.

This will be used in an investigation by the Federal grand jury to ascertain the identity of persons who may be guilty of hoarding. Operatives of the Department of Justice, working in squads, yesterday investigated complaints charging the piling up of reserve stocks with apparent speculative purpose. The result of these investigations was not revealed.

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What Fools These Mortals Be

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Warehouse Officials in Manhattan and The Bronx Ordered to Give Grand Jury Food Records

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of each lot of food product in your custody. Date each separate lot of food product was acquired or received by

For Hoarders

"4. Contracts covering food products to be acquired by you.
"5. Your estimate of the quantity of each class of food products to supply normal needs for one month."

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All this material, with the comparative reports made by the government investigators, will be presented to the grand jury. However, Mr. Barnes explained yesterday that where cases of hoarding were found the United States marshal would be directed to seize the stock without any court action. The Lever act, under which all prosecutions will be instituted, provides for such seizure.

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The hunt for food hearders in New Jersey is being directed by Assistant United States Attorney Kessler. In one warehouse in Newark the investigators found 550,000 dozen eggs, 1,000,000 pounds of meat, 590,000 pounds of butter and 450,000 pounds of cheese. It has not yet been definitely determined how long these stocks have been accumulating.

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English Bill

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For Profiteers

LONDON, Aug. 6.—The government bill providing prosecution and penalties for persons guilty of profiteering, the text of which was made public to-day, empowers the Board of Trade to investigate complaints of unreasonable profits, whether wholesale or retail.

After investigation, the Board of Trade may require local authorities to establish local or other committees, to whom the board may inflict penalties not exceeding a fine of 200 pounds (\$1,000) or six months' imprisonment.

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Wilson's Plea Is Heeded by Rail Shopmen

Strikers on Five Lines Return to Work Pending Consideration of Demands; the Others Wait

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8 .- Reports received by the Railroad Administration to-day indicated that the response to the President's appeal to striking railway shopmen to go back to work pend-

President Would **Publish Prices**

Mr. Wilson Asks That the Lever Law Be Extended to Cover Prices of Clothing and Shoes

He Would Force Supplies Out of Cold Storage

Tells Labor Strikes Will Make Matters Worse; Pleads for Ratification of Peace Treaty

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8 .- President Wilson to-day addressed a joint session of Congress on the high cost of living. For the present situation the President named these-

Causes

Present prices are not justified by any shortage of

supply.
Some of the methods by which these prices are pro-Laborers who strike for higher pay make matters

worse by checking production. The free processes of supply and demand are not operating because the peace has not been signed.

The President suggested these-

Remedies

The peace treaty should be ratified. The Lever war time food control bill should be extended to cover all necessaries of life and should be made

Penalties should be fixed for profiteering. A time limit should be put on cold storage.

Goods released from storage should bear the date of their receipt and the market price at that time. Goods in interstate commerce should be marked with

the price paid to the producer. Corporations engaged in interstate commerce should be licensed, competitive selling secured and unreasonable

The bill, now pending, aiming at fraudulent promo-

tions, should be passed. The President said the Administration had adopted these-

Surplus army supplies were being sold to the public. Profiteers were being prosecuted under the food control act and the Sherman anti-trust act.

Attempts were being made to stop food hoarding.

Text of President Wilson's Address To Congress on Cost of Living

I have sought this opportunity to address you because it is clearly my duty to call your attention to the present cost of living and to urge pon you with all the persuasive force of which I am capable the legislative measures which would be

most effective in controlling it and

bringing it down. The prices the people of this country are paying for everything that it is necessary for them to use in order to live are not justified by a shortage in supply, either present or prospective, and are in many cases artificially and deliberately created by vicious practices which ought immediately to be checked by law. They constitute a burden upon us which is the more unbearable because we know that it is wilfully imposed by those who have the power and that it can by vigorous public action be greatly lightened and made to square with the actual conditions

of supply and demand. Some of the methods by which these prices are produced are already illegal, some of them criminal, and those who employ them will be ener getically proceeded against; but others have not yet been brought under the law, and should be dealt with at once by legislation.

Prices Are the Talk Of Every Domestic Circle

I need not recite the particulars of this critical matter; the prices demanded and paid at the sources of supply, at the factory, in the food markets, at the shops, in the restaurants and hotels, alike in the city and in the village. They are familiar to you. They are the talk of every domestic circle and of every group of casual acquaintances even. It is a matter of familiar knowledge, also, that a process has set in which is likely, unless something is done to push prices and rents and the whole cost of living higher and yet higher.

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the necessaries of life come demand for increases in wages-deman which are justified if there be an other means of enabling men to lice Upon the increase of wages there follows close an increase in the price of the products whose producers have been accorded the increase-not a proportionate increase for the manufacturer does not content himself with that, but an increase considerably greater than the added wage cost and for which the added wage cost is oftentimes hardly more than an excuse.

Strikes of Workers Only Make Matters Worse

The laborers who do not get an increase in pay when they demand it are likely to strike, and the strike only makes matters worse. It checks production, it affects the railways, it prevents distribution and strips the markets, so that there is presently nothing to buy, and there is another excessive addition to prices resulting from the scarcity.

These are facts and forces with which we have become only too familiar, but we are not justified because of our familiarity with them or because of any hasty and shallow conclusion that they are "natural" and inevitable in sitting inactively by and letting them work their fatal results if there is anything that we can do to check, correct or reverse them. I have sought this opportunity to inform the Congress what the Executive is doing by way of remedy and control, and to suggest where effective legal remedies are lacking and may be supplied.

We must, I think, frankly admit that there is no complete immediate remedy to be had from legislation and executive action. The free